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1. ELECTION OF NEW ICAO SECRETARY-GENERAL DISCUSSED FURTHER WITH MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT OFFICIAL SCHMUCK ON FEBRUARY 24. HE SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED MATTER WITH THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND OTHERS, BUT NO OFFICIAL DECISION HAD YET BEEN REACHED AS TO WHAT TO DO IF FRG FACED WITH CHOICE AMONG THREE WESTERN CANDIDATES AT TIME OF ELECTION. HE INDICATED BOTH HIS MINISTRY AND FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD VERY STRONG DESIRE THAT US, UK AND FRANCE GET TOGETHER AND DECIDE ON JUST ONE CANDIDATE. THIS WOULD NOT ONLY GET THE FRG OFF THE HOOK OF HAVING TO CHOOSE AMONG TWO EC PARTNERS AND A COUNTRY WITH WHICH THE FRG HAS A "SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP" BUT WOULD ALSO GREATLY ENHANCE CHANCES THAT A WESTERN CANDIDATE WOULD WIN THE ELECTION. SCHMUCK THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BAD IF THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES WHICH ALREADY CONSTITUTE A MAJORITY OF THE COUNCIL AND HAVE THE PRESIDENCY WERE TO INCREASE THEIR HOLD ON THE ORGANIZATION EVEN MORE -- BAD FOR WESTERN INTERESTS AND BAD FOR ICAO.

2. WHILE NOT ACTUALLY SAYING SO, SCHMUCK IMPLIED THAT THE FRG IF FORCED TO THE CHOICE WOULD SUPPORT THE UK CANDIDATE ON GROUNDS THAT HE STOOD THE BEST CHANCE OF BEING ELECTED, LARGELY BECAUSE THE UK HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY HELD A TOP ICAO POST WHILE BOTH THE US AND FRANCE HAD. HE SUGGESTED THAT UNLESS THE USG HAD ALREADY LINED UP SUFFICIENT SUPPORT FOR MRS. DILLON (WHO, HE REITERATED, IS THE BEST QUALIFIED, IF NOT THE MOST ELECTABLE CANDIDATE) TO ASSURE HER ELECTION WE CONSIDER GETTING TOGETHER WITH FRANCE AND THE UK AND AGREE TO SUPPORT
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THE UK CANDIDATE. HE SAID THAT HE HAD ALREADY TOLD THE UK AND FRANCE THAT THEY SHOULD WORK WITH THE US TO AGREE ON ONE WESTERN CANDIDATE. HE EMPHASIZED AGAIN, HOWEVER THAT THIS WAS HIS OWN INFORMAL ACTION AND THAT AN OFFICIAL FRG POSITION HAD NOT YET BEEN DECIDED UPON. HE THOUGHT THAT THERE WAS A GOOD CHANCE THAT IF THE WESTERN MEMBERS OF THE ICAO COUNCIL ALL SUPPORTED ONE CANDIDATE THEY COULD GET THE THIRD WORLD MEMBERS TO

GO ALONG. FOR INSTANCE, LATIN AMERICAN MEMBERS MIGHT SUPPORT THE US CHOICE, AND THE BRITISH OR FRENCH CANDIDATE MIGHT BE SUPPORTED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE FORMER COLONIES.

3. IF ALL THREE CANDIDATES STAY IN THE CONTEST, SCHMUCK ESTIMATES THAT NO CANDIDATE WILL GET A MAJORITY OF THE 32 COUNCIL VOTES. THE INDONESIAN CANDIDATE WOULD PROBABLY RECEIVE MORE VOTES THAN ANY CANDIDATE, HOWEVER, AND WOULD BE ELECTED. HE ESTIMATED THE PROBABLE VOTE AS TEN FOR INDONESIA, FIVE FOR THE US, FOUR FOR FRANCE, THREE FOR THE UK AND THE REST UNPREDICTABLE.
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